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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Sun Prairie, as an Electric  
Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Electric Rates

5810-ER-103

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS,  
AND TELEPHONIC HEARING**

On February 2, 1998, the City of Sun Prairie, Dane County (Sun Prairie), as an electric public utility, filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) under ss. 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, Stats., for authority to increase electric rates.

Sun Prairie requests a rate increase which will produce a 7.50 percent rate of return on net investment rate base. Sun Prairie cites increases in operating expenses and the value of its utility plant, since its last rate case in 1995, as the primary reasons for needing this increase.

Upon review of Sun Prairie's filing, Commission staff has proposed an overall increase in revenues of 3.5 percent. If Commission staff's proposal is approved, an average residential customer's bill would increase 6.7 percent, from \$41.58 to \$44.35 monthly, based on an average monthly usage of 743 kWh. Commission staff's proposal also includes a 1.6 percent decrease for the general service (farm and commercial) customers, a 9.6 percent increase for customers transferred to the large general service class, a 2.8 percent increase for the small power customers, and a 1.1 percent increase for the large power customers. These percentages represent the impact for an average customer in these rate classes. Individual customer bill impacts will differ from these percentages depending upon each customer's electric usage.

Sun Prairie is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to s. PSC 2.73, Wis. Adm. Code, for producing proof of such notice at the hearing.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on March 20, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.. This will be a telephonic hearing conducted from two sites. Sun Prairie will provide a room for customer participation in the Conference Room of the Water & Light Building located at 125 W. Main Street, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Customers may call Sun Prairie at (608) 837-5500 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the Lake Superior Room in the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor entrance (lobby). Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations at the Public Service Commission Building should contact Richard Teslaw, General Services Assistant, at (608) 267-9766.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this matter is considered to be a Class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties herein to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of Sun Prairie. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from Sun Prairie, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding the hearing scheduled in this notice, please call the Examining Division at (608) 266-1261.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to James B. Petersen at (608) 267-2190.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission.

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Administrator  
Electric Division

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